

Sports

Heels defeat Wake 67-65 to advance to ACC finals

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FAYETTEVILLE — On a weekend of upsets, in a tournament of underdogs, one team that was supposed to make it this far has — barely. Coach Jennifer Alley's 17th-ranked North Carolina squad won its way into tonight's ACC tournament final (7:15 on WXYC-FM 89.3) against Maryland with a couple of hard-fought victories over two of the scrappiest women's basketball teams around.

Sunday's 67-65 UNC victory in the semifinals over upstart Wake Forest put the Tar Heels in the championship game for the third consecutive year and was as thrilling as the score would indicate. Darlene Cannon's two free throws with 1:32 to go proved to be the winning points for North Carolina (22-7), which held Wake scoreless over the last four minutes.

The second-seeded Tar Heels man-handled the smaller Deacons (16-13) in the first half, running off the game's first eight points and bolting to a 38-24 lead at the intermission. All-America guard Pam Leake ripped down six rebounds and scored 11 points (she finished with a game-high 21) in the opening half. Leake's last basket of the half, a five-foot bank shot with 2:51 left, gave her 1,932 career points and broke 1984 graduate Tresa Brown's UNC career scoring record.

Afterwards, the 5-7 Chapel Hill native, who also wears North Carolina's career assist crown, said she was quite pleased with the accomplishment. "Breaking the record was a goal of mine," Leake said. "When I came here, I said I wanted to be the greatest (women's) player in (UNC) history. And I wanted to be an All-America. I'm definitely satisfied with what I've done. I'm not saying I'm complacent, but I am happy."

Leake may not be complacent, but her teammates certainly looked that way at the start of the second half against Wake. Coach Joe Sanchez's sixth-seeded team, which knocked Duke out 72-71 on a last second shot Saturday night, appeared set to make it two straight shockers when they outscored the Tar Heels 29-9 in the first

eight minutes to forge a 53-47 lead. Two adjustments — one defensive and one offensive — triggered the turnaround.

First, Sanchez moved Amy Privette to the offensive point and sent Lisa Stockton to the wing. Stockton (a senior who finishes as Wake's career leader in scoring and assists) responded with 16 second-half points, mostly on long jumpers, while Privette dished out a game-high eight assists. Forward Janice Collins led all Deacon scorers with 19 points.

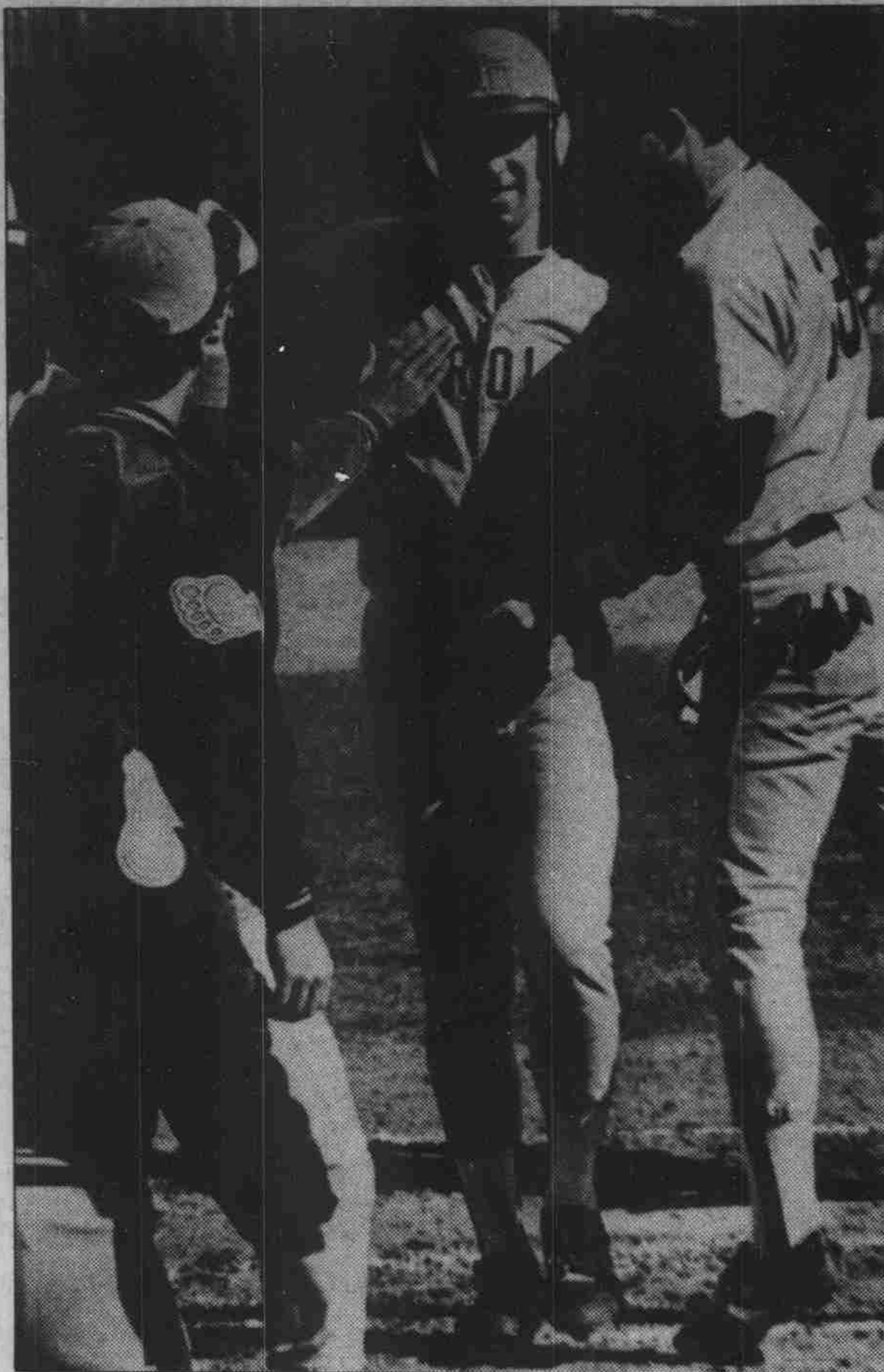
Second, Wake switched defenses from a passive zone to a box-and-one aimed at stopping Leake. It worked, as UNC's bread-and-butter star accounted for just four points during Wake's 29-9 spurt and ran her turnover total to 10. "I think the box-and-one confused my teammates more than it did me," Leake said. "I guess they thought I wasn't open, because it was very seldom that I touched (the ball) in the second half."

The Deacons led by as many as six, the last time at 61-55 with 7:34 to play. After a Kathy Wilson (14 points) layup tied it at 61, Stockton and Collins answered with a pair of jumpers from downtown Fayetteville and ten feet, respectively. But that would be all for the gutsy group that, as Alley noted, "had nothing to lose but the ballgame."

Single free throws by Dawn Royster and Liza Donnell bookended a Leake jumper to tie the game at the 2:09 mark. After Cannon hit her free throws to put UNC in front, Collins missed twice on separate possessions. Wake had one last chance, but Stockton missed a 15-footer and Privette, who beat Duke the night before, was errant on an eight-foot follow.

In Saturday's quarterfinals, North Carolina overcame a five-point halftime deficit to beat Clemson 87-82. Leake led all scorers with 27 points.

Tonight, UNC must face a Maryland team that is clearly running on all cylinders, having whipped N.C. State 77-55 on Saturday and Virginia 92-68 on Sunday. Deana Tate scored 27 against the top-seeded Cavaliers, who shot just 35 percent from the field. The Tar Heels have won both previous meetings with the 16-12 Lady Terps.



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Heels homer past Rutgers

By JAMES SUROWIECKI
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Baseball has returned to Boshamer Stadium, and thanks to Devy Bell, Paul Will and assorted other Tar Heels, it has returned with a bang. Propelled by eight home runs in three games and two hardnosed pitching performances on Friday and Sunday, UNC swept the Scarlet Knights of Rutgers this weekend and in the process firmly established itself as an offensive powerhouse.

The Tar Heels went into Friday's home opener with a record of 2-3 and were somewhat shellshocked after a series of late-inning losses. But starter Ken Turner quickly quelled any UNC butterflies. Turner gave up but one extra-base hit and six overall and struck out ten in eight shutout innings in UNC's 6-0 win.

Actually, the game was closer than the score indicated. The Tar Heels scrapped for their first three runs, but finally blew the game open in the eighth inning against reliever David Bauer. Bauer walked the leadoff hitter, and then Scott Johnson took him deep, crushing a home run to right center. Johnson was followed by sweet-swinging Devy Bell, who dropped one over the fence in right to seal the win.

Saturday's game reflected the weather: superb. This was the best game of the series, a 6-5 UNC victory won by the Tar Heels in the bottom of the ninth after they had scored five runs in the eighth.

Dave Trautwein started for UNC and looked strong early. But he hit a batter with an 0-2 pitch in the fifth inning and gave up three consecutive hits to start the sixth. By the time reliever Tim Kirk picked two runners off first base to end the inning, Rutgers led 3-0.

The Scarlet Knights added another run in the eighth, so the Tar Heels went into the bottom of the inning down 4-0. UNC had been rather flat offensively up to that point, but suddenly came to life. Leadoff man Steve Mrowka

reached on an error, and two walks by Rutgers starter Darrin Winston loaded the bases and set the stage once more for Bell.

Winston, a southpaw, had looked good early, but was obviously tiring, and should have never faced Bell. Winston challenged Bell, and he responded with a shot, a rising line drive which cleared the fence in deep left center with room to spare.

The grand slam knocked Winston right into the shower and reliever Dan Lengyel into the hot seat. Designated hitter Paul Will gave Lengyel a rude greeting by blasting one off the left-field foul pole to put UNC up 5-4. Rutgers came back with a run in the top of the ninth, but Will responded by drawing a bases-loaded walk to drive in the winning run.

As for Sunday's game, let the statistics speak for themselves. Twelve runs on 16 hits, including four home runs, for UNC, no runs on just four hits for Rutgers. The Tar Heels were sparked by homers by Bell and Will, and by Howard Freiling, who added a double to his two four-baggers.

Freshman Chris Cornacchio started for UNC, and after struggling early seemed to find himself and pitched seven strong innings. "After the first few innings, I got into a good rhythm," Cornacchio said. "I was able to throw my curveball for strikes, and that really helped me a lot. And it's easy to pitch with a big lead."

So in the end this series turned out to be a splendid way for UNC to open its home schedule. The starting pitching looked good and of course the offense was there. "We're playing with a lot more confidence," coach Mike Roberts said. "The longball really got us up, and we knew going into today's game (Sunday) if we jumped out on top early we could stay there." With the way Bell and Co. are hitting, jumping out on top seems the least of UNC's problems.

Wrestlers take ACCs

By BOB YOUNG
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RALEIGH, N.C. — UNC wrestling coach Bill Lam dismissed the notion early last week that his squad, after going 6-0 in the conference, had the ACC tournament wrapped up.

"Everyone thinks if you have a good dual-match season, then you'll win the tournament," Lam said. "That's not necessarily true. Tournaments are different because a school may not have an excellent dual-match team but may have some good individuals. To win, we must have seven wrestlers in the finals."

Coach, you don't have a good tournament team, you have a great tournament team.

The seventh-ranked wrestlers of UNC had eight wrestlers in the final 10 matches of the ACC tournament in Raleigh Saturday and came away with four ACC championships as the Tar Heels rolled to an easy team victory. North Carolina's total of 98 1/4 points was the most since Virginia scored 124 1/2 in 1974.

At 118, Al Palacio was the first champion crowned as he scored an 8-2 victory over N.C. State's Jim Best. With his victory, Palacio became the first ACC wrestler at the lowest weight class (115 pounds until 1970, 118 since then) and only the fourth UNC wrestler at any class, to win the conference title three times.

Senior John Aumiller wrestled for the title at 126, but came up short against the Wolfpack's Marc Sodano, 6-3.

In the finals at 134, Enzo Catullo faced N.C. State's Dave Schneiderman, the only ACC wrestler to beat Catullo during the regular season. And it was Schneiderman getting the victory here, scoring a 5-2 decision.

At 142, UNC's Lenny Bernstein earned his first ACC title by pulling

away from Clemson's Mike Hampton in the second period. The final score was 7-5.

At 150, Jon Cardi, who lost a 15-13 semifinal decision to eventual champ Joey McKenna of Clemson, beat Duke's Tom Nugent in the consolation finals to finish in third place.

Two sophomores, UNC's Rob Koll and Maryland's Phil Brown, faced off for the conference title at 158. And Koll avenged a regular-season loss to Brown with an 8-2 victory.

The closest final match of the tournament was the battle at 167, as North Carolina's Tad Wilson and Clemson's Mark Litts ended in a 1-1 tie after three periods. In overtime, the duo again finished tied at one point each, but Wilson was given the victory because he accumulated 42 seconds of advantage time in overtime.

UNC's Davis brothers, Tracey and Stacey, wrestled in the finals at 190 and heavyweight, respectively. Each was tied with his opponent in the third period, but came up short in the closing minute as N.C. State's Mike Lombardo and Maryland's Tom Reese pulled out victories by scores of 7-4 and 10-5.

UNC's team win was its third in a row and its fifth since 1979. The victory also moved coach Lam into second place among ACC coaches in career conference titles, with a total of five.

The next and last stop for the team will be the NCAA Championships being held in Iowa City, Iowa, March 13-15. All eight wrestlers who made it to the final round will compete, and coach Lam has some high expectations for his team.

"I don't think we'll win it," Lam said. "But I do think we have a pretty good shot at the top five."

But remember, coach, we're talking about a great tournament team.

Final ACC Basketball Standings

Team	ACC	Pct.	Overall	Pct.
Duke	12-2	.857	29-2	.935
Georgia Tech	11-3	.786	23-5	.821
North Carolina	10-4	.714	26-4	.867
Virginia	7-7	.500	18-9	.667
N.C. State	7-7	.538	18-11	.621
Maryland	6-8	.429	17-12	.586
Clemson	3-11	.214	17-13	.567
Wake Forest	0-14	.000	8-20	.286
Saturday's games				
Oklahoma 72, N.C. State 69				
Illinois 59, Georgia Tech 57				
Maryland 87, Virginia 72				
Wake Forest 69, Stetson 61				
Sunday's games				
Duke 82, North Carolina 74				
Georgia Tech 74, Clemson 63				

Gymnasts set more records

By KATHY MULVEY
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All this record-breaking week after week by the UNC gymnastics team is getting to sound like a broken record. The UNC gymnastics team did it again on Saturday night at Fetzer Gym with a team total of 184.25 points that broke the mark of 183.10 set earlier in the season against N.C. State.

That score was also good enough to defeat the University of West Virginia by 5.05 points in dual-meet action, extending the Tar Heels' unblemished record to 12-0.

Sophomore co-captain Stacy Kaplan bettered her own school record in the all-around set at the 1985 ACC Invitational with a score of 37.65. To make the night complete, senior co-captain Tammy Gilbert sparkled in her final home meet, with a personal best of 9.60 in the floor exercise and her highest combined total in the three events in which she competed: vaulting, balance beam, and floor.

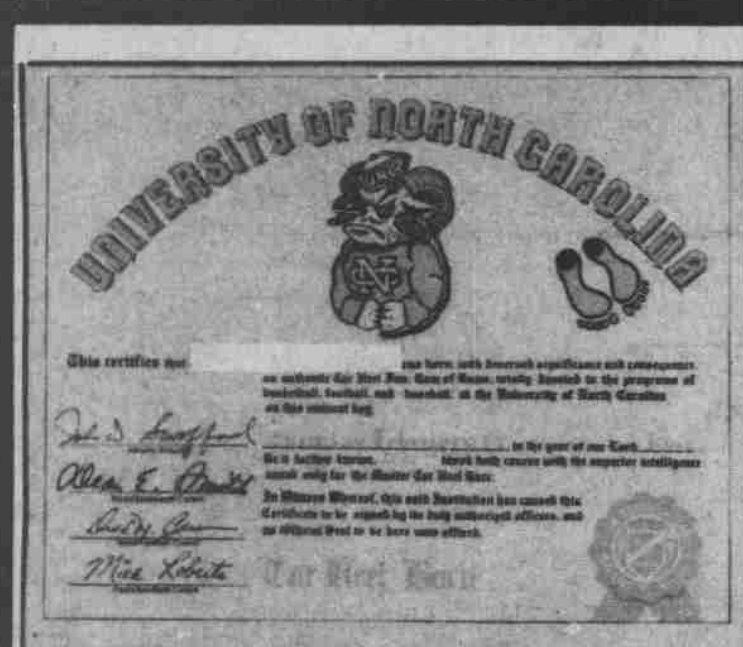
Kaplan's 9.45 gave her first on the vault, while Amy Bincarousky and Missy Shaffner completed an individual sweep with scores of 9.40. The team score of 46.20 gave UNC a comfortable lead. Kaplan tallied 9.45 again on the uneven parallel bars for another first place and Kristen Bilotta's 9.30 was

good for third behind Cathie Price of WVU. By the end of the first two events the Tar Heels had 92.30 points, compared to the Mountaineers' 89.40.

As West Virginia performed tremendously on the floor exercise for a team score of 46.60, UNC faced the balance beam. Gilbert said, "We're strongest on the floor, pretty consistent on the vault, and we've been up and down on the beam. But this time we were able to stay on (the beam) and put together a good team score."

Although WVU took first and second with Price's superhuman 9.50 and Tanya Barton's 9.20, Kaplan and Shaffner both posted scores of 9.15 to tie for third, leading UNC to a total of 44.85 for the event.

The Tar Heels then showed why they consider the floor exercise their best event, racking up 47.60 points to thwart West Virginia's hope of winning even one of the four events. Shaffner's 9.55 gave her third place in the event and a total score of 37.25 for the meet, her best ever at UNC and third in the all-around competition behind Kaplan and Price. Gilbert and Kaplan tied for first at 9.60, the second-highest floor exercise score in Tar Heel history, as the 1986 edition of UNC gymnastics continued to cut a record of its own.



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Swimmers edged at finish

By PHYLLIS A. FAIR
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After three days of "Swimmers come down and take it steady", the men's ACC swimming championship came to a close with the Clemson Tigers breaking the surface of the water and coming out victorious with a score of 670. UNC finished second with a total of 663, trailing the Tigers by just seven points.

On the final day of competition the Tar Heels not only won the 400-yard freestyle relay, but the relay team set a new school record and qualified for the NCAAs with a time of 3:00.01. The winning team consisted of Larry Bloch, Marc Croggon, Chris Stevenson and Dirk Marshall.

Stevenson was the hot man for the Tar Heels. On the second day of competition he finished second in the 100-yard butterfly, behind teammate Marshall. He won the 100-yard backstroke and was a member of the first place 800-yard freestyle relay team. The other members of that winning team were Bloch, Marshall and Dan Flack with a time of 6:40.64.

Along with the races already mentioned, Stevenson was not finished, not by a long shot. There was still the question of who was the ACC Swimmer of the Year. When the swimmer was named, there was no doubt that it had to be Stevenson. With all the other events he had won it was only fitting that he would take the award.

UNC had several of its swimmers either qualify for the NCAAs or set records. Marshall, who was a member of both the 400 and 800-yard freestyle relay teams, won the aforementioned 100-yard butterfly with a time of 49.33. His time set a new school record and

Heeere's Billy!

Yes, it's true, unbelievably enough — Billy Warden's wacky version of the world of sports starts tomorrow on *The Daily Tar Heel* sports page. His weekly comics will be entitled *Cartoons For Goons*.

We really don't know what Billy is going to draw for us; his samples of work included Bacon Ruth, the famous home-run pig, and a variety of household pets who were all named after Joe Wolf. But we're taking a chance that the man who proclaimed that he was a squirrel and said he would solve the University's parking problem by letting people drive cars that turn into hats will live up on our page a bit. Let us not forget the two other new sports page cartoonists — Bill DiPaolo and Greg Humphreys, who both have already had some work exhibited. They will continue to draw stuff for us which is slightly more recognizable than Warden's.

shattered the old ACC mark. Doug Sawyer also set a new school record with a time of 57.21 in the 100-yard breaststroke.

On the second day of competition UNC trailed Clemson by a point, 412-413, with the final day to be winner take all. The second day began well for the Tar Heels. Tim Shea gave UNC a first place finish in the 400-yard individual medley, while teammate Chris Davis finished third in the 100-yard backstroke.

Picking up points in every event was exactly what UNC needed to go ahead of Clemson. The Tar Heels had swimmers score in each of the events. Whether they were first or fifth was irrelevant, as long as UNC had swimmers score.

The Tar Heels looked to take the lead from Clemson at the end of the day, but that was not to happen. When the Tigers finished second in the 800-yard freestyle relay, UNC's hopes of going into the final day of competition ahead of the Tigers diminished considerably.

That last day of competition began in a similar fashion to the second. UNC had swimmers scoring points in each of the events, but in the end it was not enough to overcome Clemson.

The only way that the Tar Heels could have beaten the Tigers was to have them disqualified from the final event of the day, which was the 400-yard freestyle relay. Obviously enough, that didn't happen, and UNC's men fell just short of duplicating the victory by the UNC women in their ACC Championship.

The final team standings showed Virginia third with 572 points, Maryland fourth with 427.5, N.C. State fifth with 391.5, Duke sixth with 127 and Georgia Tech seventh with zero.

UNC chip shots

The UNC men's golf team finished second out of 21 teams at the ImperialLakes-Florida Southern Invitational this weekend in Lakeland, Fla. The Tar Heels' third-day score of 292 gave UNC a total of 870 placed them six strokes behind team champion Florida.

North Carolina was led by Kurt Beck, whose three-day total of 216 tied him for eighth place in the individual race. The other scorers for UNC were John Hughes (218), Bryan Sullivan (218), Greg Parker (218) and Brendan Kennedy (240).

The women's golf team didn't have nearly the same success over the weekend, fading to ninth out of 12 teams in the Patty Sheehan Invitational at Monterey, Calif. No UNC golfer shot under 81 on the par-72 course on the final day. Host team San Jose State won the tourney.